

MINUTES

PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

JANUARY 18, 2005

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A regular meeting of the Park and Activities Commission of the City of Rolling Hills Estates was called to order at 7:30 p.m., in City Hall, 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North, by CHAIRMAN PEKICH.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Allen, Clewis, Davis, Pekich, Persichina, Pierson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Pagliano

STAFF PRESENT: Andy Clark, Community Services Director

PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES, NOVEMBER 16, 2004

COMMISSIONER PIERSON requested a correction to the Minutes on Page 3, Paragraph 3 under "Commission Items" adding "...would consider providing punch...".

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER CLEWIS

TO APPROVE THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2004, AS CORRECTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH SO ORDERED.

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

PVPLC REQUEST TO EXPAND NATURE CENTER HOURS AND NEW SIGNAGE

The Community Services Director reviewed the staff report per written material. He indicated that Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, in congruence with their management proposal to operate the George F Canyon Nature Center, desired to expand the hours and increase revenues through the Center's Gift Shop. The proposed new hours were to open the Nature Center on Friday afternoons and to increase awareness of the Gift Shop with a portable A-frame sign to be place on the corner of Palos Verdes Drive East and Palos Verdes Drive North.

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA inquired as to the size of the portable sign and because Barbara Dye, Executive Director had not yet arrived, this item was tabled until the arrival of the Executive Director.

YMCA REQUEST TO OPERATE SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM

The Community Services Director reviewed the staff report per written agenda material. COMMISSIONER ALLEN expressed concern that the City would be giving up a successful program and that the City's aquatic staff were not being guaranteed to be hired by the YMCA. He also indicated that the proposal was unclear as to the YMCA proposed fees, but felt that his past experience with YMCA programs was always good. COMMISSIONER DAVIS believed that the proposed fees were unclear. The COMMISSION expressed general support for the YMCA programs.

Associate Executive Director, Shane Ruffin apologized for the YMCA proposal's lack of clarity and explained that the Summer Swim Program fee would be \$155, with lessons costing \$30 per child. He further explained that each family would also receive a summer membership to the San Pedro & Peninsula

YMCA as part of this fee. YMCA Board Members Ann Hinchcliffe and Mike Condon explained the long-range goals of the organization and indicated that many of the 2,000 youth members were commuting to San Pedro from the Peninsula. It was also revealed that the YMCA's insurance concerns would be diminished if the summer program participants became members.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS requested that this item be tabled and that the YMCA submit more information about the proposed program fees and the benefits that members would receive at the YMCA. There being no objection, CHAIRMAN PEKICH so ordered.

PVPLC REQUEST TO EXPAND NATURE CENTER HOURS

AND NEW SIGNAGE (Continued)

***PVPLC Executive Director arrived at 7:44 p.m.**

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA inquired as to the style, size, and lettering size of the proposed Gift Shop sign. Executive Director Dye responded that it would be an A-Frame style, 2 feet by 4 feet, with at least 5-inch letters and that it would be lightweight for ease of placement and removal when the Nature Center was open. COMMISSIONER ALLEN suggested other sign styles that could be considered by the Conservancy. Executive Director Dye explained that the start date of the proposed Friday afternoon openings had not been determined, as the Conservancy was recruiting volunteers to assist at the Nature Center. She also indicated that Advisory Boards were being established for all of the Conservancy's properties and hoped the COMMISSION could suggest persons to be on the future Nature Preserve Advisory Board.

COMMISSIONER PIERSON moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA

TO APPROVE THE PVPLC'S REQUESTS TO EXPAND THE NATURE CENTER HOURS AND TO PLACE A TEMPORARY "GIFT SHOP OPEN" SIGN (REMOVED DAILY) ON THE SITE AT NO COST TO THE CITY.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

CHAIRMAN PEKICH requested any Committee assignments from COMMISSIONERS. Hearing none, he requested and was granted permission to replace COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA on the Traffic and Safety Committee. COMMISSIONER DAVIS noted an error on the City Celebration Subcommittee, noting that she should be indicated in place of COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA. There being no objection, CHAIRMAN PEKICH so ordered.

ADJOURN TO PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH ORDERED

THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING ADJOURNED TO THE PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, THE TIME BEING 8:03 P.M.

2005 HILLS ARE ALIVE RACE AGREEMENT

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER PERSICHINA inquired as to whether the proposed Agreement was the same as last year's. The Community Services Director responded that only the dates and the name of the current Mayor had been updated.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER DAVIS moved, seconded by ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER PERSICHINA

TO RECOMMEND THAT THE PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT WITH EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PARTNERS TO PROVIDE FUNDRAISING, PROMOTIONAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE 2005 HILLS ARE ALIVE

RACE.

GOLF TOURNAMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING – FEBRUARY 2, 2005

The Community Services Director stated that the next Golf Tournament planning meeting would be held Wednesday, February 2, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

RECONVENE TO PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER CLEWIS

TO ADJOURN THE PEPPER TREE FOUNDATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AND RECONVENE THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING, THE TIME BEING 8:13 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH SO ORDERED.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS, NOVEMBER 23, 2004

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH ORDERED
THE CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS OF NOVEMBER 23, 2004, RECEIVED AND FILED.

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES, NOVEMBER 15, 2004

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH ORDERED
THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2004, RECEIVED AND FILED.

HOWLETT PARK QUARTERLY CALENDAR

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH ORDERED
THE HOWLETT PARK QUARTERLY CALENDAR RECEIVED AND FILED.

QUARTERLY CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH ORDERED
THE QUARTERLY CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT RECEIVE AND FILED.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

The Community Services Director noted the City was participating in a multi-city grant application for irrigation and water use conservation.

COMMISSION ITEMS

Peninsula Holiday Parade Debriefing - CHAIRMAN PEKICH indicated that the Parade Subcommittee had proposed changing the parade to an evening event for 2005.

Holiday Party – December 8, 2005 – Community Services Director Clark indicated that the Rolling Hills Country Club had been reserved. COMMISSIONERS CLEWIS, DAVIS, AND PEKICH volunteered to serve on this Subcommittee.

Adopt-A-Park Reports – CHAIRMAN PEKICH reported that the Nature Center trail had significant erosion with a pipe being installed prior to filling the new gap in the trail and that the bridge may need

reinforcement before the next storms. COMMISSIONER DAVIS reported that the asphalt chips recently put on trail near Chandler Park were in time for the recent rainstorms making this trail useable and suggested that the trees between the Chandler Park arena and Seahorse Riding Club be pruned.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER PIERSON

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED, THE TIME BEING 8:35 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, CHAIRMAN PEKICH SO ORDERED.

Respectfully submitted, Approved,

Andy Clark Douglas R. Prichard

Community Services Director City Clerk